

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 29, 2017

This week's activities of note from the Town Manager's Office:

- *A Herring River Executive Council Meeting was held on Monday at which the Stakeholder's Group was identified.*
- *Our Emergency Preparedness Working Group comprised of Town staff met to discuss updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan and various aspects of preparedness.*
- *Staff from the Licensing, Health and Building departments met to identify ways to streamline and clarify the licensing process for businesses in town. Stay tuned for revised forms during the upcoming annual licensing renewal process.*
- *The Finance Team is closing in on the Tax Bill mailing. When setting the tax rate, we used 330 as the number of properties eligible for the residential exemption because that was the number of applications we had in house. 330 were approved by the Board of Assessors and are included in the tax commitment. Additional applications will be reviewed and approved as appropriate and be treated as abatements. This process is well defined by Massachusetts General Law.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, October 2, 2017-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017-Truro Housing Authority @ Truro Town Hall at 4:15 pm.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017-Bike and Walkways Committee @ Public Safety Facility at 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday, October 4, 2017-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 7 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 6 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 21 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Chief Collins is finalizing plans with area departments for the Lower Cape skills day training program that will be held at the Wellfleet Station on October 21. This program is sponsored by the Barnstable and Massachusetts Firefighting Academies. This is the second year we have done this program and provides a great opportunity to train on a regional basis.
- The Fire Department in conjunction with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Department heads are reviewing and updating the Town's Emergency Management Plan.
- As we close out Emergency Preparedness Month the link below provides a great list of preparedness tips as well as other links to help residents prepare and plan for emergency situations.
<https://www.ready.gov/>

Department of Public Works

- DPW post storm protocol began Monday with street sweeping, inspection of waterways, examining high interest areas such as beach parking lots, with an emphasis on Ballston Beach, Mill Pond Road, and Pamet River.
- The roof on the single stream compactor was completed and is fully operational.
- DPW Director Cabral is preparing invitations for bids in collaboration with the Town Accountant for concrete platform and ramp for the single stream compactor, drive on pit type truck scale for commercial haulers, and a new septic system for the Beach office.
- Beach break down will continue up until the third week of October with the removal of all signs, bike racks, mutt mitt containers, and trash/recycling containers on the bay side beaches.
- The Safety Facility exterior painting has been delayed again due to the weather.
- The DPW is now fully staffed with the new additions of a new part time Assistant Custodian, Joe Martello,

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and Transfer Station Attendant Mathew Peterson. Peter Morris will be transitioning from the Transfer Station to the Highway Department this coming Tuesday.

- Online sales for the Transfer Station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers, kiosk locations, as well as over the counter sales at Town Hall.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - The department is preparing for Trunk or Treat, a Halloween activity in Wellfleet.
 - Truro Recreation's Girls 5/6 Soccer Team will be playing against Brewster on Saturday, 9/30/17.
 - Community Volleyball will resume on Wednesday, October 4, at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program is open for new registrations for the 2017 – 2018 season.
 - Community Pickleball will resume on Saturdays at the Truro Community Center.
- Beach
 - Truro Beach Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017.
 - The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen Saturday, June 9, 2018. Beach stickers are not required to park at the town's beaches until Saturday, June 16, 2018. Effective September 4, 2017 – June 8, 2018. All beach fire permits may be obtained at the Truro Fire Department by calling (508)487-7548.

Harbormaster

- Last Saturday was the Truro Road Race as part of Truro Treasures – runners were allowed to register and also park temporarily at the harbor with the aid and supervision of the Harbormaster Staff.
- Because of clearing weather and recreation tuna fishing activity this week, we are seeing more vehicle/trailer launches with parking lot about 1/3 full mid-week and 2/3 full on weekends. Therefore we have put out more cones to make sure mooring holders that are still in the water have ample parking.
- Preparation with outside contractors and Harbor Staff to continue working on the activities for the \$15K Recreation Fishing Access Grant that we received from DMF last year. 1) Housing for freshwater power washing pump, 2) motion detector on dock to help with safety lighting as you come up the dock, 3) meeting with Coastal Engineering to review progress on permitting for extending dock. (see photo 3824)
- During the week, put out a couple of boatloads of bagged remote set oyster in areas of the harbor that were previously surveyed by the Shellfish Warden. (see photo 3821)

Assessing

- With the combined effort of the Finance Team, FY2018 Tax Bills are in the process of being generated. Special thanks to Laura Geiges, Tami Francis, Kathleen Sullivan, Molly Stevens & Trudi Brazil.
- Continuing the FY18 Residential Exemption implementation & review process.
- Statutory Exemption & Residential Exemption applications continue to be accepted until April 1, 2018 at 4:00pm.

Library

- The "Next Chapter Book Club" has re-convened after a summer hiatus. This is a book club for adults with cognitive and developmental challenges. The club meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. Collin Mickle, Coordinator of the Immigration Resource Center in Hyannis, will give a talk on U.S. immigration laws and policies and some of the practical challenges of navigating the immigration waters.
- Enjoy some Lego challenges on Saturday, October 7th from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- Monday, October 16th is Truro Library Friends Night at Van Rensselaer's Restaurant in Wellfleet. The owners will donate a portion of the evening's profits to the Friends of the Truro Library.

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Administration

- The department is gearing up for sending email blasts to businesses to remind them to send in their applications for the 2018 season for licensing.
- The department continues to help visitors and owners navigate access to the Transfer Station.
- Preparation is underway for the 2017-2018 permitting for shell-fishing.

Attachments

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